

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 37-46 are pending in the present application, Claims 1-14, 17-22, 25-30, and 33-36 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 37-46 having been added. Support for new Claims 37-46 is believed to be self-evident from the originally filed specification and claims. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-7, 12-14, 17-22, 25-29 and 33-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Sampson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,490,624, hereinafter Sampson) in view of Beaumont et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0085918, hereinafter Beaumont); Claims 8-11 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sampson, in view of Beaumont, and further in view of Ferguson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,819,092, hereinafter Ferguson).

In light of the cancellation of Claims 1-14, 17-22, 25-30, and 33-36, the above-noted grounds of rejection are moot.

In response to the Office Action, the Applicant presents a new set of claims in order to more clearly describe and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention.

New Claim 37 recites, *inter alia*,

an updating unit configured to, when any content of the main site page is updated, cause the first server authentication processing unit to carry out the authentication and then transmit an updated inherited page having a same content as the updated main site page to each second server system in order to carry out a remote updating of an inherited page of each second server system having a same content as the main site page such that an inherited page before updating is overwrote with the updated inherited page or a link for the inherited page before updating is replaced with a link for the updated inherited page in the second server system

Sampson and Beaumont, taken alone or in proper combination, do not disclose or suggest this element of Claim 37.

The outstanding Office Action relies on Beaumont to describe an updating unit. However, Beaumont describes a system for generating a GUI. GUI regions are generated using web technology such that the appearance and functionality of the GUI regions may be easily created and upgraded. A corresponding web browser and predetermined server implement each GUI region. The appearance and functionality of a GUI region is created within a web page using HTML language. The web page can be created or changed on the predetermined server in order to create or upgrade the appearance and functionality of the GUI region.¹ However, Beaumont does not disclose or suggest that an inherited page before updating is overwrote with the updated inherited page or a link for the inherited page before updating is replaced with a link for the updated inherited page in the second server system. Upgrading the appearance and functionality of a GUI region does not equate to updating a page.

New Claim 37 also recites, *inter alia*, "...each second server including...a second server recording unit configured to record a first access log information indicating a log of access from each client system to the inherited page and a second access log information indicating a log of access from each client system to the original page." Applicant respectfully submits that Sampson and Beaumont, taken alone or in proper combination, do not disclose or suggest this element of Claim 37.

The system described by Sampson allows user to login and access one or more resources during an authenticated session.² If the login attempt is successful, the system presents the user with a personalized menu.³ A login page and a successfully login do not disclose or suggest the claimed "a second server recording unit configured to record a first

¹ Beaumont, paragraph [0010].

² Sampson, col. 7, lines 5-7.

³ Sampson, col. 7, lines 16-18.

access log information indicating a log of access from each client system to the inherited page and a second access log information indicating a log of access from each client system to the original page.”

Sampson also describes that database 450 maintains a list of sessions. In one implementation, any change to a session is broadcast to all session managers.⁴ Sampson also describes a logging service 430 that receives information about the actions taken by the session managers.⁵ However, neither the logging service nor database 450 records a first access log information indicating a log of access from each client system to the inherited page and a second access log information indicating a log of access from each client system to the original page.

Furthermore, Beamont does not disclose or suggest “a second server recording unit configured to record a first access log information indicating a log of access from each client system to the inherited page and a second access log information indicating a log of access from each client system to the original page.”

As neither Beaumont nor Sampson disclose or suggest every element of Claim 37, Applicants respectfully submit that a person of ordinary skill in the art could not properly combine these references to arrive at the claimed invention.

In view of the above-noted distinctions, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 37 (and any claims dependent thereon) patentably distinguishes over Sampson and Beaumont, taken alone or in proper combination.

It is to be noted that Claim 37 and Claim 42 are different from each other with respect to the updating unit in the first server systems. Claim 42 recites, *inter alia*, “an updating unit configured to, when any layout information of the main site page is updated, cause the first server authentication processing unit to carry out the authentication and then transmit an

⁴ Sampson, col. 9, lines 52-55.

⁵ Sampson, col. 9, lines 60-63.

updated layout information of the main site page to each second server system in order to carry out a remote updating of an inherited page of each second server system having the same layout information as the updated layout information of the main site page such that a layout information of the inherited page before updating is overwrote with the updated layout information or a link for the layout information before updating is replaced with a link for the updated layout information in the second server system.” Beaumont and Sampson, taken alone or in proper combination, do not disclose or suggest “a layout information of the inherited page before updating is overwrote with the updated layout information or a link for the layout information before updating is replaced with a link for the updated layout information in the second server system.”

Furthermore, Claim 42 patentably distinguishes over Beaumont and Sampson because Claim 42 recites “a second server recording unit configured to record a first access log information indicating a log of access from each client system to the inherited page and a second access log information indicating a log of access from each client system to the original page.” As characterized above, Beaumont and Sampson, taken alone or in proper combination, do not disclose or suggest this element.

In view of the above-noted distinctions, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 42 (and any claims dependent thereon) patentably distinguish over Beaumont and Sampson, taken alone or in proper combination.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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